

PETITION TO MAKE APPLICATION SPECIAL

February 24, 2004

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Accompanying this letter is a continuation-in-part application for U.S. Patent by applicant Perry Wayne Ancell for UTILITY POLE INSTALLATION SYSTEM AND METHOD.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.102(c) (MPEP § 708.02) to MAKE SPECIAL THIS APPLICATION because

- (a) the present invention materially conserves natural resources in the form of trees and other vegetation by permitting the installation of utility poles in wooded environments without the need for excessive deforestation/denuding of the natural vegetation in these areas (the use of a uni-loader with multi-purpose drilling/pole placement/augering/lifting means permits entry into densely populated forest regions without the need for deforestation during utility pole installation);
- (b) the present invention is particularly suited to the installation of FIBERGLAS® utility poles, which are lighter and longer lasting than existing Creosote treated wood poles, resulting in a reduction of deforestation to support the manufacture of wood telephone poles;
- (c) the present invention eliminates the soil contamination associated with Creosote treated wood poles and replaces this soil contamination with an environmentally friendly FIBERGLAS® pole that has a long lifespan.

Given the substantial amount of toxic chemicals associated with Creosote and/or pressure treated wood utility poles and the large number of these poles required yearly for utility pole installations, the use of lightweight FIBERGLAS® utility poles will significantly reduce the need for deforestation to support wood pole production and also eliminate the toxic chemical contamination of soil surrounding utility pole installation. Additionally, the present invention significantly reduces the environmental impact of utility pole installation in heavily wooded areas, which are typically those areas most susceptible to environmental damage associated with the encroachment of utility pole installations, etc.

Applicant need not submit a petition fee as per 37 CFR § 1.102(c), since the rule specifically exempts environmental and energy-related inventions from the petition fee. ("A petition to make an application special may be filed without a fee if the basis for the petition is the applicant's age or health or that the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment or materially contribute to the development or conservation of energy resources."). Applicant certifies that a prior art search has been performed prior to the filing of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Kevin Mark Klughart in black ink, followed by the date 2/24/2004.

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